Development Programme (IRDP). Scheme for Urban Micro Enterprises under Nehru Rozgar Yojana (NRY) and Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) which are being implemented in various States and Union Territories and in the States of North-Eastern region also. In addition, Governments of some of the States in the North-Eastern region are also implementing their own special employment schemes such as 'Soft Loan Scheme for educated unemployed' in Manipur, Speical Employment Scheme for Rehabilitation of Misguided youth in Assam and the 'special employment programme' to provide facilities for self-employment to educated unemployed in Nagaland.

Amount of cess from Beedi Factories of Maharashtra

2089. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of cess collected from the beedi factories of Maharashtra during the last three years; and

(b) the amount spent on the welfare of beedi workers during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Details of Collection of Cess on beedis and expenditure incurred on welfare of Beedi Workers in Maharashtra, during last three years?

Year	Cess Collection	Expenditure
	(Rs. in thousands)	
1991-92	9173	
1992-93	8270	9454
1993-94	9344	9238
	13741	

Identity Cards to Beedi Workers

2090. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether identity cards have been issued to beedi workers all over the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Labour Ministry has given an undertaking to this effect; and

(c) status of issue of identity cards to beedi workers in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) It is reported that out of an estimated 42.60 lakh beedi workers, 27.61 lakhs have been issued Identity Cards so far.

(b) Identification of beedi workers is an ongoing process. The State Governments have been requested to take up special drives for identification of beedi workers. The Welfare Commissioners have been given montly targets for issue of identity cards by the Medical Officers in the areas covered by the Beedi Workers dispensaries.

(c) Out of an estimated 6.25 lakh beedi workers in Andhra Pradesh, 4.54 lakhs beedi workers have been issued Identity Cards.

Special Funds Scheme for Beedi Workers

2091. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are proposing any special funding schemes exclusively for beedi and tobacco workers becoming surplus due to wide ranging restrictions;

(b) whether NGO's and trade unions will be given funds for retraining surplus beedi workers; and

(c) details of this scheme in 1995-96 to be implemented in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) The Beedi

Workers Welfare Fund set up under the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund Act, 1976 is used for providing housing, medical, education and recreation facilities for Beedi Workers.

There is no proposal for setting up any other fund for beedi & tabacco workers since no restrictions have been imposed on the beedi & tobacco industry rendering the workers surplus.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of above.

Beedi Workers of Karnataka

2092. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) lack of concrete assurance to beedi workers of Karnataka that their employment levels would not be negatively affected; and

(b) whether Labour Ministry will formulate policies to ensure full employment for such poorer sections?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) It is felt that there is no significant threat of unemployment among beedi workers in Kamataka at Present.

(b) The Governemnt are already implementing a number of employment and training related schemes like IRDP, JRY, TRYSEM, DWCRA, Employment AssuraL Scheme (in backward tribal blocks) for poorer sections in rural areas. The Government have recently decided to set up separate Department for dealing with employment and poverty allocation of rural and urban poor.

Workers Sent to Foreign Countries

2093. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state what is the State-wise number of workers sent to various countries during the period 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1st April, 1994 to 31st December, 1994 with the name of the countries?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): The statistical data on Emigration Clearances and Emigration Clearance Not Required (ECNR) enforesments is maintain on calender year basis. These statistics are compiled on country-wise basis and since 1993 on State-wise basis as well. Prior to 1993, the State-wise data was not compiled. The data indicating breakup of State-wise clearances/endorsements to each of the country is not maintained. Statements indicating Clearances Endorsements issued during the years 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1994, Country-wise and Clearances/Endoresements issued during the years 1993 and 1994, State-wise, are attached at Statement-I and II respectively.

Statement-I

Number of workers granted Emigration Clearances/ECNR endorsements, country-wise, during the years 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1994.

Country	1991	1992	1993	1994
Bahrain	8,630	16,458	15,622	13,806
Oman	22,333	40,900	29,056	25,142
United Arab Emirates	15,446	60,493	77,066	75,762
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	1,30,928	2,65,180	2,69,639	2,65,875
Kuwait	7,044	19,782	26,981	24,324
Others	7,121	13,971	19,974	20,476
TOTAL	1,91,502	4,16,784	4,38,338	4,25,385